

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Preliminary Amendment is made to more particularly claim the present invention. All of the above-shown amendments are seen by Applicant as broadening or cosmetic, and as such, are not subject to the prosecution history estoppel imposed by Festo. For the record, Applicant points out that the Supreme Court in Festo noted that a cosmetic amendment would not narrow the patent's scope and thus would not raise the estoppel bar.

Applicants' attorney believes this application in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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